

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A pointer assembly for identifying locations on a monitor, comprising:  
an expandable member having a distal end, wherein said distal end is  
5 enclosed by a tip having a durometer hardness selected to prevent scratching and marring  
of the monitor.
2. An assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said expandable member  
comprises a telescoping rod.
- 10 3. An assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said tip comprises an  
elastomer.
4. An assembly as set forth in claim 3, wherein said elastomer includes a  
15 durometer greater than generally 85 shore A hardness.
5. An assembly as set forth in claim 3, wherein said elastomer comprises a  
thermoplastic polyolefin elastomer.
- 20 6. An assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said tip is injection molded  
onto said distal end.
7. An assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said tip is coated over said  
distal end.

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8. An assembly as set forth in claim 7, wherein said distal end is contoured thereby providing a tapered configuration to said tip that is coated.

9. An assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said tip is contoured thereby  
5 defining a tapered configuration.

10. An assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said tip is shaped as an appendage of a human body.

10 11. An assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said distal end comprises a helical thread and said tip is adapted to receive said helical thread thereby releasably retaining said tip to said distal end.

12. An assembly as set forth in claim 10, wherein said tip comprises an insert  
15 having a durometer hardness greater than a said durometer hardness of said tip and being adapted to receive said helical thread thereby releasably retaining said tip to said distal end.

13. An assembly as set forth in claim 12, wherein said distal end is  
20 scored thereby providing a surface having a friction coefficient capable of retaining said tip on said distal end.

14. A pointer assembly for identifying a location on a monitor, comprising an elongated member having a distal end with a tip covered by an elastomer defining an apex adapted to contact the monitor at desired locations on the monitor, wherein said elastomer includes a durometer hardness selected to prevent scratching and marring the  
5 monitor.

15. A pointer assembly as set forth in claim 14, wherein said elongated member is expandable between at least a first and a second length.

10 16. A pointer assembly as set forth in claim 15, wherein elastomer includes a durometer hardness of at least generally 85 shore A hardness.

17. A pointer assembly as set forth in claim 14, wherein said elastomer comprises a thermoplastic polyolefin.

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18. A pointer assembly as set forth in claim 14, wherein said distal end of said elongated member defines a scored surface thereby retaining said tip on said distal end.

19. A pointer assembly as set forth in claim 14, wherein said distal end of said  
20 elongated member defines a threaded surface to threadably receive said tip.

20. A pointer assembly as set forth in claim 19, wherein said tip includes an insert defining a threaded surface for threadably engaging said threaded surface of said distal end.

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21. A pointer assembly as set forth in claim 14, further including a receptor affixable to the monitor and adapted to releasably receive said elongated member.